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YOUNG ADULTS

The Young Adult Association of the Northern California Conference held its first annual spring conference on the afternoon and evening of Sunday, Mar. 26, at Plymouth Church, Oakland.

Judging from the spirit of enthusiasm, cooperation, and fellowship which was present, this conference must be considered a great success, and it established a fine precedent for future Young Adult conferences. The attendance was very gratifying and is a proof of the real interest being taken in the organization and its activities. There were 63 representatives from 9 churches in attendance. Many churches hope to join in future gatherings. There are about 27 churches interested in the Young Adult Movement.

As speakers, the conference was very fortunate in having Dr. Dwight Bradley, director of the Council for Social Action of the Congregational churches, and Dr. Hugh Vernon White, secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. Part of the conference schedule was given over to the discussion of plans and problems of the Association, including the summer conference, a constitution and by-laws, and phases of group program building.

A dinner was served by the women of Plymouth Church at six o'clock, after which a period of fellowship and fun around the tables was enjoyed. The splendid worship service after dinner in the main sanctuary of the church was conducted by young adults of the San Francisco delegations. Others participating in the program included Dr. F. J. Van Horn, minister of Plymouth Church; Rev. E. T. Sherman, field secretary of the Northern California Conference; Raymond Foote, president of the Young Adult Association; Sylvia Hyde of Palo Alto, vice-president; Mrs. Dorothy Bennett of Oakland, secretary, and Ralph Wilson of San Jose.

The Young Adult summer conference this year will be held in conjunction with the Pilgrim Fellowship conference at Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe, from July 29 to August 5.

REV. SAMUEL C. PATTERSON

Rev. Samuel C. Patterson, who came to San Francisco as a young man in 1890 and later graduated from the Pacific Theological Seminary, passed away at his home on Saturday, March 18. The funeral was held on Tuesday, the 21st, with Supt. Harley H. Gill and Rev. Stanley Hunter of St. Johns Presbyterian Church officiating.

Mr. Patterson during his student days was pastor of the Fitchburg or Grace Church in Oakland. After graduation he went to Lodi for four years, then to Petaluma and San Francisco, Bethany, for four years each, and then to Berkeley, North Church, for eight years. Following a period of war service, he was called as pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Concord, until his retirement three and a half years ago. At one time Mr. Patterson was president of the California Home Missionary Society and was secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Pacific Theological Seminary. He is survived by his widow and a daughter, Esther Patterson.

PACIFIC SCHOOL CHOOSES HEAD

Professor Arthur Cushman McGiffert has been elected to the Presidency of the Pacific School of Religion by the Board of Trustees, and will take office about August 1, 1939. At present he is Professor of Christian Theology and Director of Studies at the Chicago Theological Seminary, where he has been for thirteen years. Before coming to Chicago, he was pastor of All Souls Church at Lowell, Massachusetts, for six years.

Professor McGiffert is the author of a biography of Jonathan Edwards, and has just published a selection of Emerson's sermons, under the title, **Young Emerson Speaks.** He has contributed many penetrating reviews and articles to various theological journals. He defends a vigorous modernism and liberalism without falling into any extreme. His attitude is thoroughly conservative.

Professor McGiffert was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1892. He graduated from Harvard University (magna cum laude in Greek History and Literature) in the class of 1913, and from Union Theological Seminary (summa cum laude) in 1917. He earned his M.A. degree from Columbia University that same year, in history. He was Eliot Norton Fellow from Harvard University during 1913-14, when he studied at the American School of Archaeology in Athens. While there he took part in the excavations at Corinth. In 1918-20 he was Traveling Fellow of Union Seminary ,and spent one-half year at Harvard Divinity School and one year at the University of Zurich. During the war he was Y.M.C.A. Secretary, and had just been appointed Chaplain at the time of the Armistice.

Professor McGiffert is the son of the late President Arthur Cushman McGiffert of Union Theological Seminary. In 1917 he married Miss Elizabeth Eliot, grand-daughter of the late President Eliot of Harvard. They have three children.

His extra-curricular activities have exhibited his eminently practical interest in social problems and administrative ability in handling them. He has been active in various denominational and interdenominational enterprises in Chicago, having been Chairman of the Chicago "Rethinking Congregationalism" group, Secretary of the American Theological Society (midwestern branch), and President of Consumers' Cooperative Services. He may be expected to keep Pacific School of Religion in the forefront as a place for equipping religious leaders to meet the crises of the present day.

A spring Lokoya young people's rally will be held at Sebastopol Sunday, April 16, from 4 to 8 p.m. Following a period set aside for getting better acquainted, Rev. Elmer W. Benedict of Pittsburg will lead one discussion group on the coming Lokoya Conference, and Rev. T. T. Giffen of Petaluma another on "Youth today, Leaders tomorrow." Following supper there will be a closing service of worship.

YES, IT DID HAPPEN HERE

YES, IT DID HAPPEN HERE! A month ago it looked like an impossible task—to overcome a deficit of $2,627.45 and to care for the expenditures in March amounting to $2,648.09, making a total of $5,275.54 to be reached by income if the budget were to be balanced,—that was our task. It was done, and just $23.28 more. That is a narrow enough margin on a total expenditure of $28,727.07. Here's how it happened:

1. **We spent $333.00 less than was budgeted.**
2. **An operating surplus of $381.00 was turned over by the Bay Association.**
3. **Seventy individuals answered the appeal in The Pacific, by letter and by the personal solicitation of the Superintendent and Field Secretary, with gifts totaling $1,493.50. To these friends go our profound thanks for their loyalty and generosity.**
4. **Pastors and treasurers responded enthusiastically in seeing that benevolence money for the first three months of the year was remitted, so that from Extra Dollar Gifts and regular apportionment a total of $2,798.00 was credited to the Conference budget through the regular 52 per cent.**

And now this is the record for the past five years:

Year ending March 31, 1935, Surplus	**$145.37**
Year ending March 31, 1936, Surplus	**106.36**
Year ending March 31, 1937, Surplus	**195.11**
Year ending March 31, 1938, Surplus	**219.99**
Year ending March 31, 1939, Surplus	**23.28**

Congregationalists of Northern California really care about their Conference and its program.

THAT IS WHY IT DID HAPPEN HERE.

Institute Planned At Mills College

Opportunity for community leaders of Northern California to become more intelligently informed on the confusing although fascinating world situation will be given by the Fifth Annual Institute of International Relations to be held at Mills College, June 20 to 30, 1939.

For this ten-day session over a dozen authorities in world political, social, and religious affairs will be brought together as lecturers and round table leaders, including **The Hon. Carl J. Hambro,** president of the Parliament of Norway and active European leader of the Oxford Movement; **Gerald Heard,** British pacifist, author, and scientist, at present a coworker with Aldous Huxley; **Norman Thomas,** Socialist party leader, author and economist; **John C. Bennett,** professor of Philosophy of Religion at the Pacific School of Religion; **Samuel Guy Inman,** authority in Pan-American affairs in attendance at the Lima Conference.

The Institute program will consist of lectures, forums, and choice of round tables in the morning while the afternoons will be unscheduled to permit opportunity for reading, for personal conferences with the leaders, and for all kinds of recreation. An extremely popular feature of the Institute is the evening program of panel discussions, lectures, and debates, followed by an informal period of questioning in one of the halls.

Tuition for the entire ten-day period is $10; meals and lodging for out-of-town attenders may be obtained at the excellent facilities provided by Mills College. For further information about the Institute inquire of Joseph Conard, Mills College, Oakland, California.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 20—Spring Meeting of Federation of Congregational Women, Treasure Island.
May 6-7—German Sunday School and Young People's Convention, Zion Church, Fresno.
May 8, 9, 10—Southern California Congregational Conference, Glendale.
May 12 — Pacific School of Religion commencement.
June 10-17 — Young People's Conference, Fresno area.
June 17-23—East Bay Young People's Conference, near La Honda.
June 17-24—Central-Sacramento District Young People's Conference, Lakewood, near Brockway.
June 20-30—Institute of International Relations, Mills College.
June 22-27—California and National German Conferences, Free Cross Church, Fresno.
July 16-21 — Missionary Education Movement Conference, Asilomar.
July 29 to August 5—Young People's Conference, Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe.
July 29 to August 5 — Young Adult Conference, Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe.
August 6-12—Young People's Conference, Lokoya.
August 6-12—West Bay Young People's Conference, near La Honda.
August 14-21 — Modoc-Trinity Young People's Conference.
October 17-19—State Conference, Santa Cruz.

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ATTENDANCE

Thirty-six churches reported a total attendance at morning service for March of 9,519, of which 2,956 were men and boys. Three reported attendance of 1,924, but did not list the men and boys separately.

A total of 64 churches reported the church attendance at least once during the months of December, January and February; 36 of them reported each month.

December—54 churches reported: males, 6,081; total, 25,155.

January—49 churches reported: males, 5,037; total, 18,254.

February—46 churches reported: males, 3,808; total, 13,901.

Total number of boys and men for this period was 14,926.

The total attendance for these past three months was 57,310.

If every church in the Conference would send in church attendance figures it would make a great difference. Furthermore, The Pacific cannot make a full report each month because the cards come stringing in all month. Ministers are urged to cooperate with the Church Attendance Committee in getting a 100 per cent report from the churches each month. —E.W.B.

ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE

Friday, April 14—Central Association at Murphys.
Monday, April 17—Upper Bay Association at Rio Vista.
Friday, April 21—San Joaquin Association at Fresno, First Church.
Monday, April 24—Redwood Empire Association at Santa Rosa.
Tuesday, April 25—Bay Association at Hayward.
Wednesday, April 26——Santa Clara Association at San Carlos.
Friday, April 28—Sacramento Valley Association at Paradise.
Sunday, April 30 — Modoc Association.

ANTIOCH. The World Friendship Committee sponsored a special service, including a play, "Mei Ling." The cast was made up of young people from the Sunday School. The church was filled and the program enjoyed. Rev. W. R. Steininger is pastor.

RENO, NEVADA. The pastor, Rev. William Moll Case, has been giving a series of Lenten sermons on "The Creed of Jesus." Among the subjects are the following: "Give and forgive," "Days of Decision and Deliverance," "For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory."

ALAMEDA. Two identical Easter morning services have been planned. Rev. Gail Cleland, the pastor, was one of the speakers at the union three-hour Good Friday service.

WOODSIDE. At a candlelight communion service, Rev. Benjamin St. John, pastor emeritus, received Rev. and Mrs. Burton M. Palmer into church membership. The pastors then, received 21 others into fellowship.

KEEP IT UP

The most promising report of benevolence receipts that The Pacific has printed in many a long day appears below. The receipts for March—over $7,000—constitute almost a record-breaker for any month aside from December. They put the total for the first quarter of the year $1,700 ahead of last year. This is probably accounted for by two facts: first, the gain in individual gifts, and, second, a more earnest effort on the part of pastors and treasurers to get their remittances in promptly. A total of 20 churches show a decrease in comparison with last year, including ten that made remittances in the first quarter of 1938 but have not made any as yet this year. On the other hand, no less than 43 churches show a gain in comparison with last year, which includes 8 that reported this year and did not last year. Three held even. In other words, 56 churches have responded with some remittance this year, which leaves 40 or more that have not been heard from.

The figures below include that portion of the Extra Dollar Fund which goes for benevolence, viz., 85 per cent. The special gifts of individuals for the Conference deficit appear in the last item. A number of these will be credited to churches where a request to do so has been made.

	Mar., 1939	Jan. 11 to Mar. 31, '39	Jan. 11 to Mar. 31, '38
Adin	$ 10.50	$ 10.50	$ 10.40
Alameda	183.15	183.15	115.90
Angels Camp	33.75	35.75	25.00
Antioch	15.00	15.00	15.00
Auburn	60.00	60.00	60.00
Benicia	.....	.....	5.00
Berkeley, First	963.88	1,547.49	1,445.71
Kensington	.....	.....	10.00
North	74.75	140.25	85.00
Park	18.57	18.57	14.82
Campbell	56.00	56.00	57.00
Cloverdale	7.46	29.87	16.60
Cotati	1.50	1.50	31.50
Crockett	6.42	6.42	12.21
Eureka	47.36	136.72	65.47
Ferndale	43.99	43.99	3.63
Fowler	.....	.....	18.00
Fresno, First	113.34	155.30	150.77
Pilgrim	50.00	100.00	50.00
Glen Ellen	.....	10.00	.....
Hayward	50.00	50.00	.....
Kenwood	.....	.....	11.61
Lodi, First	255.50	255.50	265.00
Loomis	12.98	12.98	.....
Martinez	37.69	59.79	69.88
Murphys	.....	60.00	60.00
Niles	.....	.....	10.70
Oakland, First	971.52	1,388.18	1,356.80
Fruitvale	10.00	10.00	12.00
Japanese	.....	.....	5.00
Pilgrim	11.00	11.00	10.50
Plymouth	178.19	273.83	136.19
Oroville	.....	13.65	20.00
Pacific Grove	48.80	68.78	70.58
Palo Alto	313.28	646.63	500.00
Paradise	28.40	78.40	30.00
Penngrove	4.48	4.48	1.50
Petaluma	144.06	149.06	138.98
Pittsburg	57.50	57.50	23.25
Porterville	67.50	67.50	60.00
Redwood City	162.20	162.20	104.10
Ripon	44.62	53.35	22.71
Rio Vista	.....	.....	30.00
Sacramento	152.07	172.07	175.33
San Carlos	15.00	40.62	30.18
San Francisco—			
Bethany Mission Pk.	74.26	74.26	66.08
Calvary	.....	20.00	.....
First	337.37	337.37	381.13
Ocean View	3.70	3.70	10.00
Richmond	.....	.....	1.00
San Jose	50.00	170.00	155.00
San Leandro	13.35	13.35	8.58
San Lorenzo	10.00	10.00	.....
San Mateo	81.94	131.31	.....
Santa Cruz	161.10	236.10	192.00
Santa Rosa	49.60	62.80	55.77
Saratoga	121.40	121.40	.....
Sebastopol	35.44	50.44	48.48
Sonoma	14.85	28.85	15.50
Soquel	25.00	25.00	11.00
Stockton	132.48	137.48	82.62
Sunol	.....	20.00	.....
Tulare	45.00	85.00	110.00
Weaverville	25.04	44.04	39.35
Woodside	.....	.....	10.00
Reno, Nevada	59.13	88.75	52.65
Miscellaneous and Individual	1,518.50	1,528.50	1,043.00
	$7,008.62	$9,374.38	$7,618.48

"I believe profoundly that the permanent progress of this nation, or any nation, is dependent upon the extent to which the lives of its people are ordered by a vitalizing religion and permeated by an abiding faith in God." —John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

7-CONFERENCES-7

From one conference of young people with fewer than 100 in attendance, a dozen years ago, to seven conferences with more than 500 in attendance in 1939 is the remarkable record of progress of young people's work in the Northern California Congregational Conference.

In the past, three difficulties have been discovered in the holding of large central conferences. First, the difference in ages. When young people from the close of the ninth grade and high school clear through college were in one camp it was not easy to provide either instruction or regulations suitable for all. Secondly, the large number made it impossible to do the intensive work that is needed to help young people in developing leadership. Thirdly, in so large a group there have always been a few who were sources of disturbance and who would not play the game and thus gave rise to criticism of the entire conference.

To solve these problems, to cut down travel expense, and to reduce the charges for board and room, the Committee on Young People's Work with pastors of various districts will sponsor no less than seven conferences this coming summer.

The Zephyr Point conference at Lake Tahoe, which will be held July 29 to August 5, will be primarily for college young people and young adults, but will also include high school juniors and seniors. It will be under the direction of Rev. Sidney Buckham of San Mateo, and will be a real training school for leadership. The remaining conferences will be for high school age and will include young people beginning with the ninth grade, which is a younger group than has previously been admitted.

The first of these will be held near Fresno, June 10 to 17, with Rev. and Mrs. Norman B. Henderson directing.

The second, which will be primarily for East Bay young people, will be at Loma Mar, near La Honda, San Mateo County, June 17-23, with Rev. Gail Cleland directing.

The third will be for the churches of the Central and Sacramento Associations, at Lakewood, near Brockway, Lake Tahoe, June 17 to 24. The director has not yet been appointed.

The fourth will be at Lokoya, near Napa, August 6 to 12, under the leadership of Rev. Elmer W. Benedict.

Coincident with this will be the conference of the West Bay and Santa Clara churches at Loma Mar, near La Honda, San Mateo County, with Rev. Charles E. Ward, director.

The Modoc-Trinity conference will be at Lassen Park, August 14 to 21.

Appointment of faculty members has not yet been completed, but among those from outside of our territory who will serve at one or more of the conferences may be mentioned Rev. Dwight J. Bradley, Miss Ruth Cowles of South Africa, Miss Lucille Day of India, Rev. Frank Cary of Japan, Secretary E. L. Shaver of Boston, and Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilbur of China. The May and June issues of The Pacific will carry much more information.

SANTA CRUZ. De Molay young men attended church on March 19. The fund toward the painting of the building is gaining headway, with contributions from the various organizations totalling $200. Rev. H. S. Mahood is pastor.

SAN CARLOS. A Men's Club is in the process of formation, with an attendance of 35 at the first meeting. A Hi Y has also been launched. Rev. H. J. Loken is pastor.

MEN AND BRADLEY

The ten district laymen's dinner meetings, with Dr. Dwight J. Bradley as speaker, have been completed. Five hundred men were in attendance. The places reached were Petaluma, Martinez, Paradise, Sacramento, Stockton, Fresno, Santa Cruz, Palo Alto, San Francisco, and Oakland. Laymen from most of the Congregational churches in the Conference were at one or another of these gatherings.

Dr. Bradley won the respect and appreciation of both laymen and ministers. While it is too much to say that all laymen agreed with everything he said, they were pleased with the distinctly religious and Christian point of view from which he approached our present-day perplexing problems. He disclaimed any attempt on the part of the Council for Social Action to set forth a solution of these problems in any dogmatic way, but he offered the services of the Council in providing information to help Christians do their own thinking. He emphasized the idea of fellowship, grounded in a no less sacred observance than the Lord's Supper. He has made many friends for the Council for Social Action and has caused many to realize that their religion is something for everyday life.

The meetings were sponsored by the Commission on Laymen's Fellowship, consisting of Mr. C. T. Tinker of Oakland, Mr. Gilbert Wright of Sacramento, Mr. Ralph R. Arnold of Martinez, Mr. George W. Moore, Jr., of Petaluma, Mr. George S. Martin of Berkeley, Mr. Henry Gemmer of Palo Alto, Mr. E. B. Kientz of Stockton, and Mr. B. M. Benson of Fresno.

Frank McCullough of the Council for Social Action will spend a large part of April in Northern California. He is coming to the Pacific coast to lecture at the Pacific School of Religion on "Applied Christian Social Ethics" in two two-hour courses in Prof. Bradley's seminar. He will speak at First Church, Los Angeles, to the Sunday Evening Club on April 16. He will be available for a limited number of engagements, and may be reached at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley. Those desiring to make contacts will do so individually, not through the state office. Mr. McCullough is a member of the great McCullough family of Chicago, which has been associated with the Good Government League.

MODOC INDIAN WORK

A report from Mrs. Amy Jarman of Alturas tells a touching story of needs met by the special Indian relief fund, provided by the Conference and administered by Mrs. Jarman. Dresses, shoes, stockings, muslin, rubbers, galoshes, coveralls, blankets, outing flannel, dress goods, appear among the items furnished to the Indians during the winter months, when they have to stand the rigors of Modoc weather. A total of $15 a month is put at the disposal of Mrs. Jarman, the income from an amount deposited with the Conference by the Northern California Indian Association.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVENUE. The Women's Club has organized a new home economics section. A Child Study group is conducting regular classes in first aid. Mr. R. C. M. Fiske is director.

SONOMA. In order to underwrite their budget, the Ladies' Aid Society presented a program of Irish songs on St. Patrick's Day to a large and appreciative audience.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SAN JOSE. March 15 was a Red Letter Day in San Jose Congregational Church; two days in one, in fact. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody passed the questioning ordeal by the Installation Council and was unanimously approved by that body. Combined with that service was a dinner enjoyed by members of the church and visiting guests; and the re-dedication service of the beautiful, but simple, remodelled auditorium. Rev. Benjamin Gould, beloved former pastor, came from Oroville in response to a unanimous invitation to preach the sermon. In private conversation, Mr. Gould expressed his approval of the remodeling of the church **by the young men of the church:** "Before it was an auditorium; now it is a sanctuary." Superintendent Gill gave the Charge to Mr. Peabody and his wife, a sort of wedding ceremony, marrying them to the Church. The Charge to the people was given by Moderator Wm. Hawley Davis, the Scripture was read by Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman, the prayer of dedication was offered by Rev. Jason Noble Pierce. Rev. Willard B. Thorp, intimate friend of Mr. Peabody's father, was the Moderator of the Council. Rev. L. A. Foster of San Jose will celebrate his 96th birthday on April 1. Mr. and Mrs. Foster have spent the winter in Claremont, but plan to return to their home on his birthday.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. The church night suppers on Wednesday of each week have brought together a very interested group for Lenten devotions under the leadership of Rev. F. J. Van Horn. One thousand at church on Easter is the goal set by the Council. Invitations have been sent broadcast. The young people held their yearly conference at Orinda on a recent Sunday, and Mrs. Dorothy Bennett, director of religious education, was in charge. The church was host to the Young Adult Association on March 26.

SUISUN. Mrs. Henry Bird, for many years the superintendent of the Sunday School and the inspiring leader of the young people of the church, passed away very suddenly early in March. Her place will be a difficult one to fill. The children of the Sunday School at once raised a fund to purchase a very large and beautiful picture of "Christ Blessing the Children," to be hung in the church building as a memorial.

BERKELEY, NORTH. During the Lenten season, Dr. Pierson Parker, the minister, conducted interesting and helpful prayer meetings on Wednesday evenings. Through the efforts of the Women's Auxiliary, money has been fully raised to purchase a new gas range and linoleum for the church kitchen. The men of the church laid the linoleum.

SANTA ROSA. The Sunday School was recently reorganized into departments, from Cradle Roll to Senior. An unusual situation exists in that the higher the department, the larger the attendance. The young people's group is divided into three classes. Rev. Wilfred Withington is pastor.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Rev. J. B. Orr appears on the program of the Women's Benefit Association state convention in Los Angeles the week following Easter. On Palm Sunday evening an electrical transcription of Stainer's "Crucifixion" was presented.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST CONGREGATIONAL METHODIST TEMPLE. Rev. A. Earle Kernahan spent three weeks with the church during March, leading in a campaign of personal visitation and evangelism. Members of the church responded and assisted. As a result on Palm Sunday there was received into fellowship a total of 129 new members. This victory means much for the spiritual life of the church in building up morale and in giving members a taste of the satisfactions which come from winning others to Christ.

The organ console has been moved down below the pulpit platform to give the organist a better hearing of his own instrument. Noonday Holy Week services were held Monday to Thursday, inclusive, and three-hour service on Good Friday, with two laymen, the two pastors, and three visiting clergymen each speaking on one of the Seven Last Words. The great film, "King of Kings," was shown by the church on three different evenings.

SAN MATEO. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, pastor, is scheduled to speak at the union sunrise service at Emerald Lake, near Redwood City. The church is looking ahead to the Diamond Jubilee week, which will begin April 30, when the youth will conduct a service on the theme, "Our church: past, present, and future." On Tuesday of the same week there will be an illustrated lecture on the history of San Mateo; on Wednesday an anniversary banquet, with Superintendent Gill and Rev. Dwight J. Bradley as speakers; on Friday an outdoor historical pageant; and on Sunday, May 7, the anniversary with Dean James Muilenburg as preacher.

STOCKTON. Rev. Noel J. Breed opened Holy Week activities with a Palm Sunday sermon on "Crown Christ King". In the evening he gave an outline sketch of the life of Christ from Bethlehem to Palm Sunday. Special Holy Week services were held each night, with Rev. Robert A. Bentley speaking on Monday, Rev. A. R. Boone of Lodi on Tuesday, Rev. J. G. Dickey of Angels Camp on Wednesday, Rev. C. Virgil Carlson of Salida assisting at the Lord's Supper on Thursday, and Dr. Breed preaching on Friday.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. At the annual meeting of the united church, a unanimous vote was taken requesting the reappointment of Rev. D. W. Throckmorton, the pastor, for another year. Enrollment of the Sunday School has advanced from 308 to 369 in the last year, and attendance from 142 to 221. Eleven new members were received into the church during March.

PITTSBURG. Mrs. Leonard Wilbur was the speaker at the meeting of the Women's Auxiliary and over a hundred women were present to hear the stirring talk on their work in China. Rev. Elmer W. Benedict is pastor.

PARLIER, ARMENIAN. Rev. M. M. Aijian concludes his work after Easter. During his leadership of three years the membership has more than doubled. The church has not yet made plans for his successor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. The pastor, Rev. H. K. Khachadourian, preached one Sunday to a group of more than a hundred Armenian people in Sacramento.

TULARE. The church has closed a very successful series of monthly Organ Vespers, which have been characterized by their worshipful spirit, and by an attendance often approaching the numbers of the morning congregation. They will be resumed in the fall. The American Board's slide set on India was enthusiastically approved, the pictures being shown at the Church Night supper, and before the Sunday School and Pilgrim Fellowship. The latter group enjoyed an evening in India, the menu of Indian food being served to the guests as they sat, shoeless, on the floor, the food being taken with fingers only. A most interesting program on India was followed by the playing of Indian games, Ruma, Parchesi, and Trip to Heaven. Mrs. A. L. Rice, wife of the pastor, had charge of this evening.

NILES. Copy for The Pacific will be in the hands of the printer before the dedication of the beautiful new church, which is planned for Easter afternoon. Following the fire which burned the church to the ground, more than a year ago, the members, the minister, Rev. R. C. Day, and the community went to work with a will, adding enough to the returns from the insurance to erect a beautiful Spanish type building, with worshipful sanctuary, various social rooms, and a manse. The architecture is in harmony with that of other public buildings at Niles, and is a credit to the community and to our fellowship. Supt. Harley H. Gill has been invited to preach the dedicatory sermon.

PORTERVILLE. The choir sponsored a concert by the Redlands Glee Club; 450 people crowded the auditorium to hear it. About 25 women have been in attendance at Bible lectures of the pastor, Rev. John H. Gregg, during the past nine weeks. A beautiful pair of candelabra have been presented to the church. Seventy young people attended Pilgrim Fellowship Night dinner and program. Two identical Easter Sunday morning services have been planned.

COTATI and PENNGROVE. A very fine directory and year book has been published, including histories of both churches, lists of pastors, pictures of both churches, and of the present pastor, Rev. C. C. Champlin. There are guides for the conduct of the church's fiscal business, and for the duties of deacons. New Pilgrim Hymnals have been purchased for Penngrove, each member buying one and presenting it to the church.

SEBASTOPOL. Eight persons united with the church on Palm Sunday, six of whom joined on confession of faith. On Easter morning, the High School Class planned a sunrise service on Fir Crest near town. Mr. John Stone, President of the Sonoma County Christian Endeavor Union, is to assist Rev. George E. Atkinson, the pastor, for two months.

SACRAMENTO. Two Easter morning services have been planned, with Rev. Lawrence Wilson preaching on the theme, "World Resurrection." Mr. Wilson has recently exchanged pulpits twice with Rev. Torrance Phelps of Pasadena.

AUBURN. The Hammond organ is almost paid for. The churches of the city are cooperating in Holy Week services and in the Aeolian Heights Easter sunrise service. Rev. Stewart E. Locke is pastor.

CAMPBELL. The celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the church will open on Sunday, April 23, with Rev. George Atkinson of Sebastopol, a former pastor, preaching. In the afternoon of the same day there will be a reception for the charter members of the church and former ministers and their wives; on Monday evening the anniversary banquet with delegates from neighboring churches and former members and friends. A historical paper will be presented by Mr. T. A. Cutting. Rev. Stephen Peabody of San Jose will speak on "The first fifty years are the hardest," and Rev. Charles E. Ward, president of the Conference Board of Directors, will bring greetings from the fellowship of churches. Rev. J. H. Bennett is pastor.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. A beautiful service of dedication was held in the Angels Camp church for the new platform, pulpit, and light. The Sunday School juniors and the Young People's Society assisted. Candles on the communion table and in the windows were lighted during the service of dedication. The lawn and garden have been greatly improved, the floor varnished, the social hall rearranged with cupboard space added. A Good Friday theater service, with Rev. Noel J. Breed of Stockton as speaker, was arranged. A number of new members are expected at both Angels Camp and Murphy. Rev. John G. Dickey with several laymen attended the men's dinner at Stockton to hear Dr. Dwight J. Bradley.

EUREKA. The broadcasting of Sunday morning services over KIEM is ministering to a very large audience of shut-ins and people in remote communities. Rev. Charles H. Hudson, the pastor, carries on a large correspondence with people, sending them religious literature, copies of the New Testament, and Bible stories. Superintendent Gill was a recent visitor, preaching at both morning and evening services.

FAIRFAX. The church is undergoing repairs, including plastering, painting, and papering. Five young people from Plymouth House, Berkeley, held a panel discussion at the Fellowship of Youth, with over 60 in attendance. Rev. C. L. Mears preached at San Quentin Prison on the 5th of March.

SALIDA. The church has a new sign. A Girl Reserves' group has been organized. The mid-week Bible study group is being conducted by Rev. C. V. Carlson, the pastor, with splendid interest on the part of the people. There are two groups of young people: one for junior high and the other

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SPRING MEET

The Spring Meeting of the Federation will be held in the Temple of Religion on Treasure Island, Apr. 20, from 1:15 (organ recital) to 4:30. Dr. Dwight J. Bradley, director of Council for Social Action, will deliver the address. Miss Eunice Thomas of Foochow, China, will speak on "Light from the East." See March **Pacific** concerning expenses for the day and entertainment for night of April 20. Lunch can be taken or bought on the grounds. True Blue Cafeteria and Maxwell House are recommended.

A committee appointed by our President will consider the Federation constitution as to needed changes, particularly regarding the time of our annual meeting.

MADRAS ECHOES

Highlights from Madras Echo meeting of March 10 in Berkeley, First Church: Dr. P. C. Hsu of the Christian University of Shanghai said the Christian Church in China has grown in spite of opposition. The last decade began with strong anti-Christian feeling, due to nationalism and communism, yet the number of Christians increased 23 per cent. Though now only one-half million, or one-ninth of 1 per cent of the population, the Protestant community exerts an influence far beyond its numbers. General and Madame Chiang Kai-shek both are devoted Christians, and today there are no more anti-Christian movements. The missionaries in China have refused to leave their posts and are standing for international justice. In some parts of the world there may be closed doors, but in China the doors are wide open to the Gospel. How long the mind of the Chinese will remain open no one knows. Will the Christian church capture this opportunity?

Miss Ila Sircar, representing the youth and women of India, said only 10 per cent of India is literate. Non-Christians think the influence of Christians is negligible. Some say if the Christian church wants to continue in India let it go on with philanthropy and education but stop its evangelism. Some say, the life of the Christian community is no more Christian than that of Hindus or Moslems. Non-Christians say we Christians must know our own Bible and theirs, too. There is no Christian literature to pass on in India, and there is much waste in missionary work through overlapping. Miss Sircar made an earnest plea for cooperation in denominations, on the field and at home.

Dr. Camargo, secretary of the National Christian Council of Mexico, said the two main pronouncements of the Madras Conference were: (1) The divine commission to carry the Gospel of Christ to all the world; (2) This missionary enterprise is the joint responsibility of all groups of the Christian church, younger churches as well as older, and there must be essential unity and close fellowship in the mission boards. The younger churches say they need the missionaries and the fellowship of the older churches. The missionaries do not come to take the place of national leaders. They come as pioneers and are needed as experts in rural, agricultural, educational, and medical work, and to train national leaders. They come as colleagues not controllers; and financial assistance is a gift which does not carry authority but strengthens fellowship.

Needs of Migrants Reported At March Meeting

Mrs. J. G. Barnes, secretary of Social Relations, told of her trip to visit migrant camps in Fresno, Tulare and Kern counties. She reported a fine type of Americans, forced into migrancy by mechanized farming, reduced cotton acreage, or dustbowl conditions, but holding on to their pride.

Mrs. Velma Shotwell spoke from her experience as successor to Miss Adele Ballard as supervisor of the Western Division of Migrant Work, under the Council of Women for Home Missions, which represents 18 denominations and 23 national boards. Forty-six of our 48 states depend on migrant labor, but in eastern and midwestern states they are seasoned migrants, returning to the cities between seasons, while in California with its 11 months of crops they are year-'round migrants; 300,000 of them have come into California since 1935, creating a most acute situation here. Of the 6 million agricultural laborers in the United States 2 million are homeless and 80 to 90 per cent of these are Americans.

The Protestant women started the work among migrants. Church groups pioneered in it, and now other organizations cooperate and public agencies supplement our work. There are ten government camps in California and one more to be in Firebaugh. There are also County Camps, privately owned camps, growers' camps, squatters' camps. We now have two full-time nurses in the field all the year and ten in the summer. A young minister and wife are to be hired this month to go into the field for spiritual needs. There are vacation schools, recreation programs, etc., in the summer. Clothing, literature, Christmas gifts, and money are needed. Children's Sunday School papers and cards for Bible School will be needed in June. Send a postal to Mrs. Shotwell's headquarters at 83 McAllister St., San Francisco, to find just where to send things, as our nurses move from place to place.

MUMFORD BOOK REVIEWED

At the March Federation meeting, Mrs. R. C. d'Erlach, secretary of literature and education, gave a masterly review of "The Culture of Cities," by Lewis Mumford. This is one of the most distinguished books of the last few years, containing much drama and a wealth of constructive criticism; a fine textbook. Mr. Mumford says our cities are our front line of civilization and show many patterns of behavior in man's life.

In the medieval city the church was dominant, no part of life failed to record its existence and its influence. If there was illness the convent or monastery became a hospice: we know the clergy were the purveyors of learning and the arts. Then with the coming of Protestantism the church began to fail in serving the needs of the cities. Between cleavages in the faith and economic disruption, the church began to decline from the seventeenth century on, as a unifying and dynamic force in the everyday life of the people. Mr. Mumford claims that the city church of today does not have its original power and thus there is a weakening of our cultural forces. According to this author the church today is too greatly concerned with wealth, material power, and organization and not enough with its capacity to put its stamp on the daily activities of man. He feels that the church does not contribute as much as it claims to the active spiritual life of the city. The city may have somewhat overwhelmed the church, but the church has that which the city sorely needs. Nevertheless, it must destroy all fear mechanisms and provide against mischances of existence. Civilization is shaped by beliefs. A service-state must be substituted for the present power-state.

In a letter of thanks for used books recently sent to Talladega, our A. M. A. Negro college in Alabama, President Gallagher: "The workmen are now finishing up the interior of the new library building, which we plan to dedicate on April 15 and 16. The facilities of the library will be available to members of both racial groups in the city and county of Talladega. To meet the literary tastes of the hundreds of people who will be using the Community Library we shall need a varied collection of books. . . ." Let us remember Talladega from time to time.

Palo Alto and Broadmoor women have set the pace for us! Both groups have already completed their Social Welfare quotas for this year. Congratulations! Broadmoor Women's Society has had several interesting outside speakers, among them Mrs. Miles Fisher, Dr. Leonard Wilbur, and Mrs. James Hazlett. To help finances they have furnished dinners for the District Musicians' Union and for the district P.-T.A. At present they are very busy with elaborate plans for an Heirloom Tea on May 18.

Program of Progress

What is the purpose of the Church? An easy answer is "to make the world Christian". But just what does that mean? How is the church changing things in the world? In our community?

You and I are supporters of the church. We give of our time and of our money that it may exist. But what is our particular church accomplishing? What mile posts has it passed? How is it seeking to make tomorrow different from today? To measure the efficacy of religious effort is difficult if not impossible. The church works with human lives. It succeeds as it changes men and women. Only over a period of years is it possible to note either its defeats or its victories.

Yet the inevitable vagueness of spiritual goals should not discourage the church from pursuing definite ends. We get on best with a journey when we know exactly where we are going. All too often the church has been merely a Sunday stroller along the highway of life.

Because of the unmistakable value of visible objectives, the Division of Christian Education of the Board of Home Missions is proposing a Program of Progress through which it is hoped to focus the energies of our churches on certain goals during the next four years.

For the entire period it is proposed to cover a program of fourteen points. They are:

1. Knowing and Using the Bible.
2. Public Worship.
3. Church Membership as Personal Commitment.
4. The Christian Family.
5. Reaching the Unreached.
6. Our World-Wide Responsibility for Missions.
7. Social Action as Christian Neighborliness.
8. A Graded Program for Children.
9. The Pilgrim Fellowship.
10. "Learning for Life" through Adult Education.
11. More and Better Workers for the Church.
12. Tools with which the Church May Do Its Job.
13. Improving the Physical Equipment of the Church.
14. Personal and Group Stewardship.

For the church year of 1939-40 it is proposed to stress these five points:

Knowing and Using the Bible
The Christian Family
Reaching the Unreached
Our World-wide Responsibility for Missions
More and Better Workers for the Church.

This program is not conceived of as a table d'hote dinner which everyone is expected to accept, but rather as a cafeteria from which each church may select such items as seem to fit its particular needs. Some congregations may even devise objectives which do not appear in the Program of Progress at all.

It is expected that participation in the Program of Progress will be beneficial to the local church in two ways:

Increased inspiration and momentum for local tasks will come from sharing in a nationwide movement involving six thousand churches and a million people. Through printed matter and personal conferences the Division of Christian Education will give help to local congregations in meeting their own specific problems. The Program should inspire the Congregational and Christian churches to take a multitude of forward steps.

In coming months various objectives will be discussed in detail.

A special rate of $5 for four subscriptions to ADVANCE has been made in order to give more detailed information and help.

The Missionary Education Movement Conference will again be held at Asilomar, and the dates announced are July 16 to 21. The theme, "Christ and the World Community," grows out of the Madras conference. Dr. James Muilenburg of the Pacific School of Religion is to be the chaplain. Mrs. R. W. Blosser will lead the course for women. Other faculty appointments will soon be announced. The registration will be $2.50, and rates will range from $13.75 in the long houses to $20.75 in Scripps.

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